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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this Amendment.

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2002.

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including November 22, 2002, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 3 and 17-35.

Please consider the following set of pending claims 1, 4-16 and 36-38, of which claims 1 and 36-38 have been amended, as attached in clean form as well as in marked-up form showing changes in the amended claims relative to the previous version of the claims according to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3):